

DELAWARE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901

Meeting Minutes

Department of Education, Cabinet Room
Dover, DE 19901
August 16, 2018
5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Nina Lou Bunting, Candice Fifer, Vincent Lofink, Dr. Audrey Noble, Wali Rushdan IV, Whitney Sweeney, Dr. Terry Whittaker

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Susan Bunting, Secretary of Education and State Board of Education (SBE) Executive Secretary; Jenna Ahner, SBE Executive Director; Rick Lane, PSB/SBE Administrative Assistant; Chris Kenton, PSB Executive Director; Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, representing the PSB; Chuck Longfellow, DOE; Theresa Bennett, DOE; John Marinucci, DSBA; Deb Stevens, DSEA; Dianna Frank, College Board; Judith Wilson; Kevin Ohlandt

I. Opening

A. Call to Order: Whitney Sweeney called the meeting to Order at 5:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call
Rick Lane conducted roll call for the meeting with 7 members present (Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, Sweeney, and Whittaker).

C. Approval of Agenda
A motion was made by Nina Lou Bunting and seconded by Vincent Lofink to approve the August 16, 2018 amended agenda. ***The motion carried*** (7 Yes to 0 No's – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, Sweeney, and Whittaker).

D. Approval of Minutes for July 19, 2018
A motion was made by Wali Rushdan IV and seconded by Audrey Noble to approve the July 19, 2018 minutes as amended. ***The motion carried*** (7 Yes to 0 No's – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, Sweeney, and Whittaker).

II. State Board Business

None

II. Secretary's Report, Review and Discussion

Dr. Bunting provided her monthly report highlighting the Department's work and visits within the past month.

IV. Presentations

Theresa Bennett from the Department of Education gave a presentation on the 2017-2018 Smarter Balanced Assessment results.

V. Delaware School Boards Association (DSBA) Update

John Marinucci provided an update of DSBA activities.

VI. Charter School Update

John Carwell provided an update on Delaware charter schools and the upcoming renewal process.

VII. Professional Standards Board (PSB)

Chris Kenton presented Regulation 1510 – Issuance of Initial License (for Final Order). The Board discussed the proposed regulation.

A motion to approve the Regulation 1510 – Issuance of Initial License for Final Order as presented was made by Nina Lou Bunting and seconded by Audrey Noble. ***The motion carried*** (7 Yes to 0 No's – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, Sweeney, and Whittaker).

VIII. Formal Public Comment

None

IX. Appeals and Reviews

A motion to move to executive session for discussion of confidential information was made by Wali Rushdan IV and seconded by Vincent Lofink. ***The motion carried*** (7 Yes to 0 No's – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, Sweeney, and Whittaker).

Valerie Dunkle, Deputy Attorney General, provided the board with updates on student appeals.

A motion to return to public session was made by Vincent Lofink and seconded by Wali Rushdan IV. ***The motion carried*** (7 Yes to 0 No's – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, Sweeney, and Whittaker).

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Digital recordings of the meeting can be found in the “audio recordings” section of the State Board of Education’s website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan S. Bunting, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary and
Secretary of Education